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SENATOR LABEDZ: What was your question again?

SENATOR SIMON: The people that go there are the people that are probably low income people, right?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well I wouldn't say that. I don't have the statistics on it, but....they didn't give any income level I have whether they were white, black the ages, married, single, unwed...

SENATOR SIMON: Alright, based on my knowledge and understanding of the University, and I will make the conjecture on the floor that the majority of the people that have gone there that go there are people not from upper middle class families, I would presume and it is conjecture on my part but from knowledge of the University these people who have gone there are people of lower income. Now, Senator Labedz if the university closes its doors to abortions, where then would these people go then for abortions? Because, Senator Marsh has brought up a good point. They are going to have the abortions. The question is where do they go?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, had six. Emanuel Medical Center had two. Nebraska Methodist...this is Omaha now, eight.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Labedz, what is the cost for an abortion at...in one of those hospitals?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Three to four hundred dollars.

SENATOR SIMON: What would a person do if they did not have that type of money?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, I believe that there is a charge also at the University Medical Center. They don't get it done free.

SENATOR SIMON: Is it the same cost?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I understand that it is between three and four hundred dollars.

SENATOR SIMON: It is the same cost?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Right. The...I might mention that the Ladies Center in the Women's Service PC, had 1,151. The Women's Services had 2,141. So there are several places that they could go to. What we are asking for is balanced curriculum at our University and they are using tax dollars, tax facilities and I don't think that this is right.

SENATOR SIMON: I understand that. But, you are telling me that it is the same cost to have an abortion at the university as it is to have it at Bergan Mercy? Or Clarkson?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I don't have a listing that there was ever any performed at the Bergan Mercy.

SENATOR SIMON: Alright, the other hospitals that you mentioned then.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay.

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